THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The number of eco-clubs functioning in the country with the financial support of the Ministry of Environment and Forests is 97559;

(b) The number of such eco-clubs functioning in the State of Goa is 500;

(c) The quantum of financial assistance given to the clubs in Goa, since the inception of the scheme is Rs. 48.47 Lakhs;

(d) and (e) Major activities undertaken by the eco-clubs in Goa are mentioned below:

(i) Waste Management including plastic free Campaigns and Vermi Composting,

(ii) Conservation of water, including rainwater and roof water harvesting,

(iii) Environment awareness campaign and rallies and science exhibitions,

(iv) Ground water survey and monitoring in selected villages,

(v) Medicinal plants/herbs survey and their importance,

(vi) Kitchen gardening, maintenance and upkeep of existing gardens and Tree plantation drives,

(vii) Turtle conservation,

(viii) Sand dune vegetation and its importance,

(ix) Preparation of herbariums,

(x) Study of tourism activities in the State,

(xi) Visit to Wildlife sanctuaries and heritage/historical sites, and various research and academic institutions,

(xii) Management of plant products for domestic institutions,

(xiii) Study of domesticated animals and their characteristics and uses,

(xiv) Pouching of animals and its impact on the environment,.

Building of Shaheen-II

†1144. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report of an Institution of American Scientists, Federation of American Scientists (FAC), according to which Pakistan has developed the atomic missile Shaheen-II and it can be used against India;

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(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that big cities of India are in the range of atomic missile of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with such situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government is aware of reports, including by the Federation of American Scientists, on Pakistan's development of a nuclear-capable, medium range ballistic missile known as Shaheen-II. The reports claim that the missile has a range of 2000-2500 km.

(c) Government carefully monitors all such developments which have a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard it.

Law for illegal immigrants

1145. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a legislation targeting India and seven other countries which allegedly refuse to take back illegal immigrants convicted of crimes in the U.S. has been introduced in the House of Representatives, U.S.;

(b) if so, whether this law would take serious action against the illegal Indians working in U.S.;

(c) whether India is also considering to have such a law so that all migrants who are overstaying in India could be sent back to their countries; and

(d) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A House Bill H.R.5761, proposing to withhold Federal financial assistance from countries that deny or unreasonably delay acceptance of their nationals who have been ordered removed from the United States-and to prohibit issue of visas to nationals of such countries, was introduced in the US House of Representatives on 10 April 2008. The proposed legislation is not specific to any country but of general application. A procedure for repatriation of Indian illegally staying in the USA and ordered to be deported from that country has been put in place and issue of travel documents to such individuals by Government of India is currently under process.

(c) No, Sir. Presently the Foreigners Act, 1946 has adequate provisions to deal with deportation of foreigners who are found to be overstaying in India.

(d) Does not arise.

Supremacy of hyde act in Nuclear deal

†1146. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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